

OUR INTERNAL TAXES.

Commissioner Mason's Annual Report Detailing the Operations of His Bureau.

Decrease in the Receipts from Oleomargarine and an Increase from Distilled Spirits.

A Recommendation for an Increase in the Force and More Liberal Treatment of Employees.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Mason, in reporting the operations of the internal revenue service for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1889, says: The aggregate receipts for the last year were \$139,384,434, or \$6,567,566 more than the receipts of the previous year. The only object of taxation showing a decrease during the past quarter of the present year is oleomargarine, which drops from \$148,623 in the first quarter of 1888, to \$124,730 in 1889. The total cost of collection during the past fiscal year was a fraction less than 3.2 per cent. of the amount collected. The commissioner says that, owing to the great number of distilleries in operation during the last fiscal year and the increased quantity of spirits produced, the result is an increase of taxes collected from that source, as compared with the previous year of more than \$5,000,000. The expenditures for salaries exceeded the amount estimated by the appropriation.

The commissioner regards the general condition of the service throughout the country as very satisfactory. One thousand two hundred and fifty three violations of the internal revenue law have been reported during the year, 629 persons have been arrested, property valued at \$137,407 has been reported for seizure, and \$24,000 for assessment for unpaid taxes and penalties. The number of stills seized was 216, resulting in the arrest of 236 persons and the death of one and the wounding of two officers. He recommends the force be increased from twenty to thirty, and that allowances for traveling expenses be increased. The total expenses of the service for the next fiscal year is estimated at \$1,395,530.

The increase in the quantity of tobacco, snuff and the number of cigars and cigarettes for the last fiscal year over those taxed during the previous fiscal year was: Manufactured tobacco, 565,630 pounds; snuff, 626,631 pounds; cigars, 22,858,900; cigarettes, 288,789,260. The export account shows an increase in manufactured tobacco of 1,181,180 pounds; an increase in the number of cigars exported of 295,700 and an increase in the number of cigarettes exported, 65,509,560. The number of cigars imported was 96,034,407. The value of manufactured tobacco imported was \$70,353. The total number of special taxpayers is 820,139, of whom 600,013 are dealers in manufactured tobacco. The whole number of distilleries registered during the year was 1,490, of which 1,389 were operated; there are 3,162 fruit distilleries registered, and 3,972 operated. The number of gallons of spirits produced from grain during the year was 87,887,456 gallons, showing an increase of 19,449,286 gallons over the product of the previous year, and 4,161,150 gallons more than the average product of the last ten years. The quantity of rum distilled from molasses during the year, 1,471,054 gallons, shows a decrease of 420,198 gallons from the product of last year.

The commissioner renews the recommendation of his predecessor in regard to the expediency of taxing all fractions of gallons of distilled spirits. The increase in the production of bourbon whisky is 14,497,275 gallons; rye whisky, 2,570,078 gallons; gin, 156,278 gallons; high wines, 13,059; pure neutral or Cologne spirits, 923,441 gallons; miscellaneous, 1,135,069 gallons. In regard to the use of alcohol in the industrial arts, the commissioner says: In view of the fact that special temptation to demethylation is to secure cheap alcoholic beverages, the importance of separating methylated spirits from all stocks of such beverages is very great. It is also equally important to keep methylated spirits out of the hands of distillers and rectifiers who use stills, as it is impossible to demethylate spirits without the use of stills. He estimates the quantity of alcohol annually used in the arts and manufactures at 8,000,000 gallons. The quantity of fruit brandies of all kinds withdrawn from distilleries during the year and deposited in bonded warehouses was 991,532 gallons. The quantity distilled in the United States, except what may be in the customs bonded warehouses, on the first day of October was 162,650,382 gallons. The average production of oleomargarine during the fiscal year was 2,922,002 pounds.

The Baroness Has an Adventure.
Chicago Tribune: The pretty girl with yellow hair and diamonds as big as apple turnovers who registered at the Palmer House yesterday afternoon was Baroness von Baren, of Paris, and the stately lady with her was Mrs. Thorne. The ladies are on their way to Paris to tell their friends of a lively escapade they had out west.

"We were in the mountains for a few weeks," said the Baroness. "On our way, I think it was from Cheyenne to Fort Laramie, we traveled a short distance by stage coach. It was a moonlight night, but warm, and we had the coach window open. I had \$10,000 worth of diamonds with me. In the coach were Mrs. Thorne, a Mrs. Hervey, of Pueblo, Col., and the wife of an English plush manufacturer. Suddenly the stage stopped and I looked out the window. A man was standing about ten feet away. He was a tall young fellow with a bandage over the upper part of his face. He had a long gun pointed at the driver. He said something, I didn't hear what, for the words were scarcely off his lips before the driver fired at him from the seat and the horse started galloping down the road. The robber made after us, firing as he came. The English woman fainted, but the Pueblo girl screamed 'Shoot him,' and fired through the window at the robber.

"I had a revolver in my hand bag—I had been told to carry one in that country. I got it out, shut my eyes, and pulled the trigger with both hands. Did I hit? I fancy not. But he quit the chase, and Mrs. Hervey, who was watching him, said he dropped his gun and grabbed his left arm. But, goodness, we were frightened to death. The noise in the stage coach was awful, and the coach pitched from side to side like a ship at sea. My hands were burned with the powder. Look, and the baroness showed a speck or two in the white skin with much pride and a delightful shudder. 'I wasn't half so much afraid of the robber as I was of you,' said Mrs. Thorne. 'Ah,' laughed the baroness, 'a woman's jealousy!'

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The Verdict Unanimous.
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THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.
New York, Nov. 18.—Bar silver 94½. Copper—Stronger, late November, \$12.00. Lead—Dull, domestic, \$2.82½. Stocks were more active today than they have been in months, but the tone of the market, however, was extremely irregular, with rapid and frequent changes from strength to weakness and the reverse. The close was unsettled and irregular, though with a better feeling than had prevailed during the afternoon. Final changes are about equally divided between gains and losses, and while sugar is down 1½¢, and Atchafalpa 1 per cent, Tennessee coal is up ½¢, Colorado coal ½¢, Denver, Texas & Fort Worth 3¼¢, and Chicago gas 1¢, other changes being for fractional amounts. Government bonds dull and steady. Petroleum opens at 110½, but after first sales became weak and declined to 109½. A period of dullness prevailed and the market closed steady at 109½.

Government bonds, 4s, 127; 4½s, 104½; Northern Pacific, 3½s, preferred, 76½; Oregon Improvement, 4½s, Oregon Navigation, 106½; Transcontinental, 3½s; Union Pacific, 70½.

Money on call light, ranging from 5 to 20, closing 12½-15. Prime mercantile paper, 5½-6½. Sterling exchange, quiet and steady; sixty-day bills, \$4.81; demand, \$4.85.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

Chicago, Nov. 18, 1½ p. m.—Close—Wheat—Irregular, Nov. 80½; Dec. 81½; May, 85½. Corn—Easy, Nov. 32½; Dec. 33½; May, 35½. Oats—Steady, Nov. 20½; Dec. 20½; May, 22½. Pork—Steady, Nov. 59½; Jan., 59½. Lard—Steady, Nov. \$5.00; Jan., \$5.00; 5, 5.05.

CHICAGO CATTLE.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 13,000; steady to stronger; choice to extra heaves, \$4.50; 5.25; steers, \$2.75-4.00; stockers and feeders, \$1.70-2.25. Texas cattle, \$1.50-2.00; western range, \$2.00-2.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 23,000; strong, sets higher; mixed, \$3.00-3.50; heavy, \$3.00-3.50; light, \$2.50-3.00.

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